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14. A fiber-free molding composition comprising:
- (a) a binder selected from the group consisting of an epoxide, a polyisocyanate, a furane-resin-free phenolic resin, and mixtures thereof; and
  - (b) a filler mixture containing:
    - (i) an inorganic high-temperature-resistant filler; and
    - (ii) a heat-activatable swelling agent.
15. The composition of claim 14 wherein the filler mixture further comprises:
- (iii) an adhesive;
  - (iv) a micropore-forming, high-temperature-resistant filler; and
  - (v) a grinding and/or anticaking agent.
16. The composition of claim 14 wherein the filler mixture has a pH of up to 7.5.
17. The composition of claim 15 wherein the filler mixture contains:
- (i) from 20 to 90% by weight of the inorganic high-temperature-resistant filler;
  - (ii) from 1 to 30% by weight of the heat-activatable swelling agent;
  - (iii) from 0.1 to 35% by weight of the adhesive;
  - (iv) from 2 to 40% by weight of the micropore-forming, high-temperature-resistant filler; and
  - (v) from 0.01 to 10% by weight of the grinding and/or anticaking agent, all weights being based on the total weight of the molding.
18. The composition of claim 14 further comprising a hardener.
19. The composition of claim 14 further comprising an emulsifier and a blowing

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agent.

20. The composition of claim 14 wherein the molding has a density of from 100 to 300 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

21. A process for making a fiber-free molding composition comprising:

(a) providing a binder selected from the group consisting of an epoxide, a polyisocyanate, a furane-resin-free phenolic resin, and mixtures thereof;

(b) providing a thermosetting hardener;

(c) providing a filler mixture containing:

(i) an inorganic high-temperature-resistant filler;

(ii) a heat-activatable swelling agent;

(iii) an adhesive;

(iv) a micropore-forming, high-temperature-resistant filler; and

(v) a grinding and/or anticaking agent; and

(d) combining (a)-(c) to form the fiber-free molding composition.

22. The process of claim 21 further comprising mixing an emulsifier with the binder.

23. The process of claim 21 further comprising providing a blowing agent.

24. The process of claim 21 wherein the filler mixture has a pH of up to 7.5.

25. The process of claim 21 further comprising introducing the molding mixture into a mold to form a solid, fiber-free foam form.

26. The product of the process of claim 21.

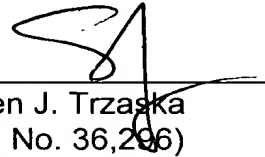
27. The product of the process of claim 22.

28. The product of the process of claim 23.

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29. The product of the process of claim 24.
30. The product of the process of claim 25.

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